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## **Mission Statement**

To influence systemic change in legal issues in the juvenile justice, child welfare, and education systems

## **Service Areas**

Technical Assistance and Resources

Education

Advocacy of Best Practice Standards and Policy Recommendations

Monitoring for Compliance with State and Federal Law and Best Practice Standards

## **Technical Assistance and Resources**

- \* YLT serves as a legal resource center for juvenile justice, child welfare and
- \* education professionals, as well as concerned citizens, youth and policy makers
- \* Current written publications



- *P.L.A.Y. in Bounds-Present Laws Affecting Youth*

This publication was developed for youth to explain their rights and responsibilities and is written in child-friendly language.

- *A Guide for Parents to the Juvenile Justice System in Indiana: Your Child and Juvenile Court*

This publication provides parents, custodians and guardians legally accurate and easily understandable information about how to navigate the juvenile justice system in Indiana.

## **Education and Training**

The YLT conducts training through the use of computerized interactive presentation. Available trainings include:



- \* The Education Advocacy Project, a collaborative effort with the Indiana Department of Education, seeks to improve the educational outcomes of children placed out of the home. YLT provides training and support to foster parents and other advocates best positioned to promote the interests of children in the education environment.
- \* Compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002. This training discusses the mandates of the JJDP Act and implications of non-compliance.
- \* Additional trainings are available through the Youth Law T.E.A.M. covering topics such as:
  - An Introduction to CHINS Law
  - An Introduction to Delinquency Law
  - Special Education Kids in the Juvenile Justice System
  - Presentations for youth on various children's legal issues available upon request



## **Advocacy**

The YLT promulgates information regarding best practice and policy standards and makes recommendations regarding same to professionals and other stakeholders in the juvenile justice, welfare, and education fields through its training and compliance functions.

- \* *Detention Education Initiative*

The YLT facilitates meetings of Detention Center Educators, with the goal of developing Best Practice Standard in Detention Education.

## **Monitoring**

- \* The YLT assimilates, analyzes and reports data regarding the legal rights of Indiana youth in the juvenile justice, child welfare and education systems.
- \* The YLT serves as the Indiana JJDP Act Compliance Monitor on behalf of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The components of the Compliance Monitoring Program include:
  - Identifying all facilities subject to the mandates of the JJDP Act
  - Collecting, analyzing and verifying data regarding the secure holding of juveniles
  - Providing training and technical assistance further compliance with JJDP Act

